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Chris Hoffman, Sheriff
Kevin McConnell, Undersheriff

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Ravalli County Commissioners

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John Bartos, Administrator
Marcus Daly Memorial Hospital
Hamilton, Montana

Dear Mr. Bartos,

Please find enclosed a bill for guard services which were provided to Marcus Daly Memorial Hospital September 4th and 5th, 2008.

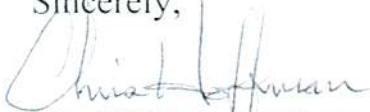
Also, please consider this letter my notification to you that absent a contractual agreement between the hospital and the Ravalli County Sheriff's Office, we will no longer be able to provide guard services for patients who are not in custody.

In light of the most recent incident (again referring to September 4th and 5th), I feel compelled to remind you that the Sheriff's Office is not responsible for the general security of the hospital or the day-to-day safety of your patients and staff.

Finally, let me reiterate that we will never hesitate to respond to MDMH when you or the city police need our help there. Of course we will also carry out our legal responsibility to secure persons/patients who are in custody.

As always, please feel free to contact me should you, your staff, or the board of directors have any questions.

Sincerely,


Sheriff Chris Hoffman

Cc: Chiefs of Police, Hamilton, Stevensville, Darby and Pinesdale; Ravalli County Attorney George Corn; Ravalli County Commissioners; File.